



# City News In Brief

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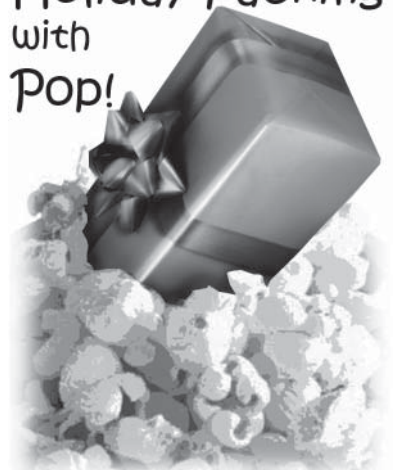
## Hark, the Herald Angels Green, Glory to Recycling!

Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than they do the rest of the year. That's an extra 1 million tons of trash per week! This holiday season, challenge yourself to use less and produce less; reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink!

### Zero to Less Waste Gift Ideas

- Homemade gifts are meaningful! How about baking cookies for all the neighbors or presenting a good friend or family member with a certificate for a home cooked meal that you make for them in their home?
- Nonmaterial gifts can make a big impression. Give tickets to movies, concerts, or plays. Make a charitable donation in someone's name.
- When you do go shopping, bring your own tote bag so that you don't use a new paper or plastic bag for your purchased item.
- Buy durable, useful, thoughtful gifts!

Holiday Packing  
with  
Pop!



### Creative Wrapping

Wrapping paper is filled with chemical dyes and contributes to the excess amounts of trash produced at the holiday season. Be creative!

- Wrap gifts in a fabric, drawstring bag.
- Decorate an unwrapped gift with reused ribbons or dried grasses and flowers.
- Use a knit hat to wrap a gift, or a pretty dishtowel, a flour sack, or a bandana.
- Use old calendar photos to wrap smaller gifts, or how about an old map? Use blueprints, grocery bags that you've decorated with fruit or vegetable prints, or the comics section.
- If you do buy wrapping paper, make sure it's recycled content wrapping paper.
- Shipping a fragile gift? Instead of Styrofoam packing peanuts, use unbuttered popcorn.
- Drop off extra packaging materials at private mailing centers such as Mailboxes Etc.

### Oh, Christmas Tree

Consider buying a live tree. They're fresh, they smell great, and they can be planted outside after the season or kept indoors in a large pot and used over and over again every holiday season. If you do buy a cut tree, remember these points when it's time to send it on its way:

- Flocked trees can not be recycled!
- Remove all tinsel, lights, ornaments, and the tree stand before recycling.
- If you have curbside collection service, take the tree out to the curb on your regular green-waste recycling day. If the tree is over 6' high, please cut into 6' lengths before placing at the curb.
- If you do not have curbside collection, you can still recycle your tree by taking it directly to your hauler.

For more excellent waste free holiday tips, see the "Use Less Stuff" website at: [www.use-less-stuff.com](http://www.use-less-stuff.com). Select the "42 Ways to Trim Your Holiday Wasteline" link! For more information on recycling in Santa Barbara, see [www.SBrecycles.org](http://www.SBrecycles.org).

CELEBRATE SAFELY ❄️

# Seasons Greetings

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## Holiday Safety Tips

*Don't invite fire hazards into your home over the holidays.  
The City of Santa Barbara Fire Department offers these simple,  
household tips to help you celebrate safely this holiday season.*

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### CHRISTMAS TREES

Check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine.

Be sure that the needles do not readily fall from the tree.

For pre-cut trees, make a new cut about one inch above the old cut.

Regularly check and maintain water levels for trees. Use a spray bottle to mist wreaths.

### SPACE HEATERS

Allow *at least three feet of clearance* between heaters and furniture, drapes, or other flammable materials.

Never place furniture directly over or in front of heating vents.

Vacuum to remove fine dust and cob webs which can block vents and cause over-heating.

Call your electric or gas utility company if you have questions about your heating appliances.

### CANDLES

Never use candles on a tree, wreath, or near other flammable decorations.

Do not place lit candles on window sills where blinds, curtains, shades, or shutters can tip them over.

### DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Use lights that are UL approved.

Check each light-set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections before plugging it into an electrical outlet. Replace as needed.

Do not overload electrical outlets.

Always turn off lights when leaving the room.



#### Did You Know...?

Advertising and direct marketing account for a whopping 86% of all postal mail by volume. That's according to *Waste News*, a trade publication for the waste management industry.

# FY 2007 ANNUAL WATERFRONT PARKING PERMIT FEATURING A CLASSIC WOODY VAN DESIGN

Annual Waterfront Parking Permits go on sale December 1st. Available to the public and harbor slip holders, parking permits are convenient and economical (General--\$95.00; Slip holder--\$70). Purchasing is easy: General Permits are available at any Waterfront Parking Kiosk, "except Stearns Wharf"; Slip Holder Permits are available only at the Harbor Patrol Office. All parking permits are valid from the day of purchase through December 31, 2007. Parking Kiosks will accept cash or local checks with ID. Harbor Patrol Office will also accept Visa or MasterCard credit cards. For more information, call Waterfront Parking at 897-1965 or 564-5523.



## Garden Maintenance in the Sustainability Zone

In Episode 5 of the **Garden Wise Guys**, hosts Billy Goodnick and Owen Dell will show you everything you need to know about garden maintenance. A new page is turned in the history of the Wise Guys as they explore the outer limits of "the Sustainability Zone." A regular checkup on their sprinkler timer sends them back to the 1950s, years before the era of sustainable landscaping. They teach an uninformed gardener (and viewers) how to properly prune plants, deal with common pests, and water wisely. Whether it's a whitefly infestation, an overgrown shrub, or a broken sprinkler head – the Wise Guys have the maintenance solution. Will the wise guys ever find their way back to the present? You'll have to watch to find out! **Airs on Sundays at 9:00 PM on City TV, Channel 18.**

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Santa Barbara's mayor,  
city council, and city staff  
extend to you their best wishes  
for a safe, happy, and healthy  
holiday season.*



## "Inside Santa Barbara" on City-TV Channel 18

Airing December 6th – January 6th

### Program Highlights

- Federal Channel Dredging
- Water Quality Report
- History 101: Santa Barbara Harbor
- Holiday Food: Giving to those in need
- Oak Park Bridge Update
- Live Homework Online
- The Nutcracker

For more information, contact City-TV Production Supervisor  
Tony Ruggieri at (805) 564-5311, or visit [www.citytv18.com](http://www.citytv18.com).

## "Inside Santa Barbara"

New program begins

**Wednesday,  
December 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.**

*Airs throughout the month*

<i>Monday</i>	<i>8 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10 p.m.</i>

## DIRECTORY OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

Area Code: (805)

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<b>Airport</b>	967.7111
<b>Animal Control</b>	963.1513
<b>City Administrator</b>	564.5305
<b>City Attorney</b>	564.5326
<b>City Clerk</b>	564.5309
<b>City Employment</b>	564.5316
<b>City-TV Channel 18</b>	564.5311
<b>Community Development</b>	564.5502
Building & Safety	564.5485
Housing & Redevelopment	564.5461
Planning	564.5470
<b>Finance</b>	564.5334
Business Licenses	564.5346
Purchasing	564.5349
Water Billing	564.5343
<b>Fire (non-emergency use)</b>	965.5254
<b>Library</b>	962.7653
Eastside Branch	963.3727
<b>Mayor and Council</b>	564.5318

<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	564.5418
Adapted Recreation	564.5421
Adult Sports	564.5422
Aquatics	897.2680
Community Services	963.7567
Creeks and Water Quality	897.2658
Cultural Arts	897.1982
Golf	687.7087
Senior Recreation Services	897.2519
Street Trees	564.5434
Teen Programs	897.2650
Tennis	564.5517
Youth Activities	564.5495
<b>Police</b>	897.2300
Emergency Use	<b>9-1-1</b>
Non-Emergency Use	897.2300
<b>Public Works</b>	564.5377
ABOP Hotline*	560.7505
Cater Water Treatment Plant	897.2628
Downtown Parking	963.1581



<b>Distribution &amp; Collection</b>	
Water & Sewer Mains	564.5413
After Hours	963.4286
El Estero Wastewater Plant	568.1010
Engineering	564.5363
Graffiti Hotline	897.2513
Permit Counter	564.5388
Pot Hole Hotline	897.2630
Recycling	564.5691
Shopping Cart Hotline	1.800.252.4613
Street Light Hotline	564.5416
Street Maintenance	564.5413
Traffic Signal Hotline	564.5417
Transportation Operations	564.5394
Transportation Planning	564.5385
Trash Complaints	564.5669
Water Conservation Hotline	564.5460
Water Resources Admin.	564.5387
<b>Waterfront</b>	564.5531
Harbor Patrol	564.5530
Parking	564.5523

\*Antifreeze, Batteries, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Latex Paints